



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

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Monday, August 11, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-3685)

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Call to Order. (14-3025)

President Becky A. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

Present: President Becky A. Shevlin, Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Denita Willoughby

Excused: Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of June 9, 2014. (14-3026)

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, this item was approved as amended.

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II. REPORTS**2. President's Report for August 2014. (14-3027)**

President Shevlin provided a brief overview of the NACW conference held July 23-26, 2014 in Sarasota, Florida. She stated that she will email some of the materials that were presented at the conference to the Commission at a later date. She added that discussions were held regarding the under representation of women in the political arena. In addition, she reported that during the month of July 2014 she visited the Road to Success Academy and read to the young women.

Commissioner Ward, Ph.D. added that women do not enjoy negative campaigning because it tends to affect the family unit, especially children.

Commissioners commented on this item.

3. Treasurers Report for August 2014.

Recommendation to review and approve the Draft CW 2014-15 Budget (14-3088)

Commissioner Lesser and Treasurer Garcia provided an overview of the 2014-15 draft budget. Commissioner Lesser recommend eliminating Community Projects, Consumer Affairs, Zonta Programs and the Women Veterans' Leadership designations from the budget. She also recommended designating \$10,000 for the 2015-16 scholarship awards as well as \$25,000 for the Women of the Year Awards Luncheon.

Commissioner stated that she would like to see the actual Commission expenditures reflected in the budget because it keeps the Commissioners abreast of its current account balance.

Commissioner Lesser responded to questions posed by the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, unanimously carried, there being no objection the 2014-15 budget was approved.

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4. Committee Reports

- Luncheon Committee
- Education Committee (14-3092)

Luncheon Committee:

- **Commissioner Petrossian reported that the Women of the Year Awards Luncheon will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015 at the Music Center.**

Education Committee:

- **This report was continued to the Retreat meeting at the request of Commissioner Rodriguez.**

5. Staff Report for August 2014. (14-3030)

Staff provided updates on the Commission's website, ticket policy and the Commission's roster.

III. DISCUSSIONS**6. Discussion and consideration for approval of a request for donation submitted by Michelle Miranda, Executive Director, RUTH YouthBuild (Continued from July 14, 2014). (14-3031)**

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., this item was open for discussion.

Following discussion the request for donation approval was denied by the following vote:

Ayes: 0

Noes: 7 - President Becky A. Shevlin, Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Veda E. Ward Ph.D.

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Denita Willoughby

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

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7. Discussion regarding CW's recognition of Honorable Gloria Molina, First District Supervisor (Continued from July 14, 2014). (14-3090)

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that she contacted Karen Weiner of the First Supervisorial District regarding Supervisor Molina's availability to attend a Commission meeting prior to her leaving office. The request was forwarded to the First District's Chief of Staff and a decision on the Supervisor's availability to attend a Commission meeting is forthcoming.

Commissioner Ward, Ph.D. stated that in an effort to maintain consistency the same opportunity should be afforded to all outgoing Supervisors.

8. Discussion and recommendation to invite Geena Davis of the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls to come and address the Commission on their future goals and objectives (Continued from July 14, 2014). (14-3091)

President Shevlin stated that she will reach out to her NACW contact person in order to gauge Gena Davis' interest and availability to MC the 2015 Women of the Year Awards Luncheon.

Commissioner Lesser reminded the Commission that historically the Commission have invited a staff from the State Commission to speak to the Commission regarding their Commission's mission and goals for the coming year.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

9. Commissioners' Announcements for August 2014. (14-3034)

Commissioner Govine announced that received a thank you letter from Camp Scott Scudder. She has been in contact with Raven Jackson and Veronica Cortez, 2014-15 scholarship awards recipients.

Commission Duba announced that she is donating clothes to the R.U.T.H. YouthBuild program and directed staff to coordinate a pick-up date for the clothes with Michelle Miranda of R.U.T.H. YouthBuild.

Commissioner Petrossian announced that she spent three in weeks volunteering in a village in Armenia.

Commissioner Aoki-Hyatt announced is working with two California State University of Long Beach law enforcement groups.

Matters Not Posted

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-3035)

The following item was introduced for discussion and is to be placed on a future agenda:

- **Absenteeism of Commissioners**

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-3036)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission and shared a few articles.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, August 11, 2014. (14-3040)

The August 11, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.